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The Boston *Herald* cannot be accused of being unfriendly to the Administration and yet it admits that the State Department committed an "error" in the attempted justification of the Canadian Insult to the American flag by citing the seizure of the British sealers as a precedent.

The Republicans of Boston had a "counseling" meeting Tuesday night. The speakers presented sound Republican doctrine and were applauded to the echo by the great throng of intelligent voters present. The Mugwump-Democratic combination will be handsomely defeated at the election next month.

We are glad to see that Hon. Geo. W. E. Dorsey, of the Third Congressional District of Nebraska, has been renominated by acclamation. Mr. Dorsey was a gallant soldier, is a sturdy Republican and an excellent representative, and he will be warmly welcomed by his Republican brethren of the Fifteenth Congress.

It looks as though the Tammany braves had sprung a trap on the County Democracy in the nomination of Mr. Hewitt as a candidate for Mayor of New York. The probabilities are that the County Democracy will have to fall into line and ratify this action unless Mr. Hewitt declines to stand.

The Washington correspondent of the *Congregationalist* says the Republican success in Maine "was all the more satisfactory in that it presented the return to Congress of the present Republican delegation from Maine, which is considered on the whole the ablest of all the State delegations. Messrs. Reed, Dingley, Milliken and Boutelle make a very strong quarte.

At the risk of seeming to shade in the plot, we venture to say that it is high time to reinforce the United States Senate with a few Democratic brains and a character from the state of New York—New York *World*.

We now have an infusion of Democratic brains and character from the State of New York in the White House, but that fact does not seem to make the *World* entirely happy.

The Portland *Argus* reproduces an article from *Harper's Weekly* headed, "George William Curtis says Blaine will not do as a candidate. George William Curtis and his little Mugwump coterie will not be likely to have much to say about the Republican candidate in 1888. They are to-day Democrats to all intents and purposes and any advice to Republicans from that source is simply a piece of unwarrantable impudence."

In response to very urgent calls Representative Boutelle left home yesterday to take part in the campaign in Pennsylvania and Ohio. The chairman of the Ohio committee telegraphed an earnest request on Monday, saying: "persistent calls for you." Mr. Boutelle will be in Ohio next week and may go thence to Michigan, but will be unable to comply with requests to speak in Kansas, New Hampshire and elsewhere.

The New York *Evening Post* rushes to the defense of Minister Phelps on the ground that the presentation of Mr. Rice at Court would have been an act of disservice to the Royalty in view of the published criticism of Secretary Bayard. Although quite English in its opinions the *Post* seems to have shot wide at the mark this time as Mr. Rice received two invitations from the Prince and Princess of Wales to attend a garden reception, the last invitation being to meet the Queen, after Minister Phelps' action became known in London.

Private Secretary Lamont is reported as saying, "There is absolutely no truth in the printed statement that the President has been made indignant by any violation of his order in relation to Federal office-holders and policies. The President has got no list of names of persons who are to be dismissed on account of their action in this regard. He has, it is true, received one or two complaints against office-holders, but they have been anonymous communications and have been referred to the departments under which those complained of hold their commissions." This does not tally with the statements of the Mugwump organs which in their zeal to keep up the reform force have pictured the President in a terrible state of mind because his order was practically laughed at by his appointees.

It is a remarkable fact that neither Mr. Hurd nor Mr. Morrison are at all anxious to discuss the tariff question now that an election is pending. In fact they avoid it entirely. Mr. Morrison in his opening speech touched upon various matters but made no reference whatever to the tariff. This goes to show that when it comes to a question of votes even the great free trade leader of the House is afraid to come out square in favor of his pet theories. In a debate in the House at the last session of Congress Mr. Randall in reply to some harsh criticisms of his course in opposing the free trade bill, emphatically declared that the supporters of that bill did not dare go before the people and advocate on the stump the doctrine they preached in Congress. The action of Messrs. Morrison and Hurd furnish evidence that Mr. Randall was right. They prefer to dodge.

Mr. Andrew assumes, says the Lowell *Courier*, that because by an accident New York went against the Republican party two years ago, and gave Cleveland his election by a bare plurality of its popular vote (over forty thousand less than a majority), therefore the country had deprived the Republican party of power by "the deliberate action of the people." Mr. Andrew knows enough to realize that he is taking stuff. Even New York did not pronounce for Democratic supremacy by the deliberate action of her people, while in at least a dozen States, the "deliberate action" of enough voters to have given the Republicans an overwhelming majority in the electoral college was stifled by exactly the same tactics that are to-day prevalent in Mississippi among Cleveland reformers. In a State like Massachusetts the Democratic party makes tools of such men as Andrew, who can furnish money for their political corruption funds, to do what the Democratic party has never scripted to do, but which Mr. Andrew professes to be above doing. And this is all that

The people have a keen scent for hypocrisy—*New York Evening Post*.

True; and that is the reason why the Cleveland administration has fallen into disrepute. Professing to be a reformer, he not only shuns the eyes to the most flagrant violations of the civil service reform law, but has his official family working the machine for all there is in it. Had he come out square footed under his true colors he would at least have been consistent in attempting to ride the Mugwump and Democratic steeds at the same time he has simply made his administration ridiculous.

Canaca's Latest Insult.

Now that the election in this State is over the *Commercial* blossoms out as the full-fledged champion of the Administration in its disgraceful course in ignoring the rights of American fishermen for whom the Democrats of Maine professed a tender attachment while bidding for their votes. It looks very wise and remarks had the *WHIG* editor consulted his own despots he might have avoided making this ridiculous exhibition of ignorance and spite." The dispatch to which the *Commercial* refers is an alleged justification of the gross outrage committed by the captain of the *Dominion* cruiser in hauling down the Stars and Stripes on an American vessel seized upon a shamless pretext, because it is claimed that the commander of the American in error that seized the British sealers in Alaskan waters hauled down the British flag. We were well aware that said despatch was to appear in our columns when our criticism of this latest outrage was written, and have no desire to change a word in our paragraph, unless it be to emphasize our condemnation of an Administration that has permitted a series of the most monstrous indignities against an important American industry to go unredressed.

There is no connection between the two stories. In the case of the American vessel, giving the *Dominion* authorities the benefit of every doubt, she was seized upon a minor infraction of the customs laws which in no wise subjected the vessel to confiscation. The offense of the Marion Grimes was that she put into Shelburne harbor for shelter after the custom house was closed, did not go within eight miles of the shore and was putting out to sea again hours before the custom house was opened when this upstart of the *Dominion* cruiser seized her for not reporting her arrival at the custom house. The absurdity of his action will be apparent to all fair minded men and only goes to show the unscrupulous and indignant to which our vessels are subjected. On the other hand, in the case of the British vessels, they were seized for sailing in American waters, a distinct violation of treaty rights that subjected them to confiscation. There is absolutely no excuse for this indignity on the part of the captain of the *Dominion* cruiser and his action is even deprecatory among the officials of his own government who are afraid that he has gone too far this time. The *Commercial's* reference to the Blaine papers is positively silly and only what would be expected from that source. The *Boston Globe* is hardly reckoned as a Blaine paper and yet it has denounced the halting and humiliating course of Secretary Bayard in unmeasured terms. In its issue of Wednesday it says:

A contemporary who has a special from Washington which declares that the haulout of all the American flag on an American schooner by the Canadian cruiser "will be passed over by the State Department without further notice." Americans are becoming used to that sort of thing.

Yes, we are even prepared to see Secretary Bayard again apologize for the act of the captain of the Marion Grimes in refusing to comply with the outrageous demand that he strike his colors. Americans will soon begin to doubt whether they have any rights that the *Dominion* authorities are bound to respect. And this is the outcome of a year and a half of Democratic rule.

Not a Personal Government.

[New York *World*] Minister Phelps was perhaps right in saying that he was under no obligation to place Mr. Rice's name upon the list of Americans who desired to attend the Prince of Wales' levee. Courtesy is not commonly enforced by law. But when he based his refusal solely upon the ground that the peremptory conduct by Mr. Rice had contained an article reflecting upon Secretary Bayard, he left his action wholly defenseless.

Mr. Phelps should be aware that this is not a personal government, maintained for the defense or service of the man who appoints the man who is appointed. It is not a mutual admiration society for superiors and subordinates. It is a plain government of and for the people, in which there are no privileged classes, wherein offices are or should be bestowed because of the supposed importance of the recipients to serve the public, and to the life of which it is essential that thought, speech and the press should all be free.

The very fact that Mr. Phelps received his high office solely through the personal favor and partiality of Secretary Bayard, and not as the reward of public services or by reason of any demonstrated capacity for public service, should have made him extremely careful not to exercise its powers with a personal bias in the interest of his patron.

Mr. Phelps has made a mistake. He should not have permitted personal feeling to influence his public action, nor have made criticism of a servant of the people, a bar against the extension of a customary courtesy to an American gentleman against whom no other possible objection was urged.

That New Diplomatic Order.

[New York *Tribune*] It is understood in the diplomatic circles of England that the following order will shortly be promulgated:

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

On and after the date the name of which will be given, "The Legation of Thomas F. Bayard" is made to conform to the policy of the undersigned.

Thomas F. Bayard being a Delaware native, it is understood that the Secretary of Legation in his office shall totally shun the clerks in the office shall totally shun the consumption of any variety of grapes except the "Delaware."

It is the desire of the undersigned to present a Court-martial file against Thomas F. Bayard setting forth the same, however, orally, in writing or by signs made incomprehensible to Thomas F. Bayard.

All consuls in England are to be sent from the United States and he who has been before known as American Consul, will hereafter be styled "Consul."

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usual perquisites of the undersigned, and will be withheld as perquisites and on occasion as a club.

A large portion of the gifts and graces of Thomas F. Bayard will be pronounced by the undersigned at the Legation every Wednesday evening and every Sunday afternoon. The attendance of members of the Legation in London on Wednesday evenings and Sundays who absent themselves from the service, except upon a doctor's certificate, will be liable to have their pay stopped.

The members of this Legation will at once proceed to organize themselves into the Bayard Guards. The Guards will hereafter parade upon the 4th of July, February 22, and Thomas F. Bayard's

9. The members of the Legation when writing in albums will confine themselves to transcribing this sentiment: A public or private Payne's tract.

10. The undersigned begs leave to call attention to the fact that it is prepared to execute private revenges and spites with dispatch if not with neatness.

(Signed) EDWARD J. PHELPS.

Edward J. Phelps and Minister Phelps

At the Bayard Guards and Minister Phelps

BEFORE INVESTIGATING ELSEWHERE, CALL AND EXAMINE.

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Pine Grove Grange.
A SPLENDID EXHIBITION AND ENTERTAINMENT.

The members of Pine Grove Grange, Brewer, for several years have made annual exhibitions of fair samples of their farm, garden products and household fabrics. Last Monday evening they held their annual exhibition for 1886. Two tables extending the entire length of the spacious hall were loaded with farm products and household manufactures, each patron being appointed a special space to make his or her exhibit, and when all the exhibits were arranged the hall presented a rich and delightful appearance. A better display, in quality, has seldom been made at any of our State or county fairs. Many friends of the Order were present as invited guests, and all were lavish in their praise of the exhibition, and the artistic manner in which the hall was decorated. The Grange is remarkably fortunate in having among its members many of the best agriculturists in the country, and many of the lady members are noted for their skill in the manufacture of useful household articles, and less of all they are always ready to display them for the benefit and encouragement of their neighbors and the public generally.

After a social hour had been spent in the careful inspection of the exhibits, the company was called to order by Worthy Master Dole, and a pleasing entertainment was given by the young ladies and gents, consisting of readings and discussions, all being interspersed with music by the choir. The practice of these annual exhibits by the subord. Grange should be adopted by every Grange in the State. The following is a list of the articles on exhibition.

R. Copeland—1 var. wheat, 6 lo. apples,

1 do. pumpkins, 1 trace of corn.

J. D. French—Pumpkins, squash,

2 var. corn, cucumbers, 2 var. beans,

3 do. carrots, onions, cabbage, 3

do. beans, 3 do. peas, 11 do. apples, 2

do. berries, tomatoes, parsnips.

Mrs. J. D. French—Stockings, yarn, 6

var. canned fruit, jelly.

R. H. Clark—1 var. pumpkin, 1 do.

squash, 10 do. apples, trace of corn.

Nelly Wright—1 knit rug, 1 hooked rug,

1 cushion fancy pipe, wiper, macramé

tidy, 1 crazy coverer.

C. C. Clark—Corns, pumpkins, squash,

turnips, 3 var. apples, 10 do. apples,

turnips, 3 var.